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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Part B for August 01.

SUBJECT.

Grant of reward of Rs. 125/ to some of the villagers of Somasettihalli and Hoskote in Goribidnur Taluk.

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1. From the I. G. of Police,
No. 645/54 D/ 26-7-01
Recommends the grant of a reward of Rs. 125/ to some of the villagers of Somasettihalli and Hoskote in recognition of the good services rendered by them in capturing three accused persons concerned in the series of decoities committed in the Chikballapur and Goribidnur Taluks.

2. To the I. G. of Police (2) To Comptroller
No. 3383—4/J 259 D/ 28—8-01.
Sanctions the above.

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SECTION Police

FILE No. 44901

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FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPTS.

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Dated 26

Despatched 27 July 1901

Received

General No. 645

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Enclosure No. 2

Recommending the grant of a reward of Rs 125/- to the Villagers of Lonashettyhalli and Hoskote in the Goribidnore taluk for having captured some dacoits in a jungle.

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OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 645/54 DATED Bangalore 26th July 1901.

Enc. 2

FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

SIR,

I beg to forward herewith a copy of letter no. 24 of the 23rd July 1901 from the Deputy Commissioner of the Kolar District, recommending the payment of a reward of Rs 125/ to the villagers of Somashettyhally and Arsikote in the Goribidnoor Taluk for having captured some dacoits in a jungle on the information given by one Anjajala Varasimma, who first saw them there when he had been

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thither to hunt. The villagers very promptly repaired to the jungle, dexterously surrounded the dacoits and seized them, notwithstanding, they stoned them and shewed fight. The manner in which they did all this has been detailed in the diary of the Dist Assistant Superintendent of the Kolar District for the week ended the 16th February 1901 and it is herewith submitted for perusal. I support the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner and suggest that the amount (Rs 125/) be paid out of the sum of Rs. 300 provided in the current year's Dist Budget for the recognition of good service. The issue of a sanad to the villagers (collectively), has also been recommended

recommended; but as difficulty may arise as to whom it should be given, I have not perceived that point.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Offg. Inspector General of Police.

C/S

SECTION Revenue

FILE No. 44 Pol 1901 Letter No. 645/54 dated the

Submitted for approval 26th July 1901 from the Inspector

& thro Dewan

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a reward of Rs 125 to some

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and Hoskote in the Goribidnur

Taluk, Kolar District, for

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sons concerned in the series

of dacoities committed in the

Chickballapur and Goribidnur

Taluks

Order thereon 3383-84 Dy
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The grant of the sum

sanctioned is accordingly

the charge being debited

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the head a "Long Service" in the current year. Police Budget.

We deeply regret that we have all the messages here have not been distributed. The reward is as public a manner as is necessary to impress the event favourably on them and on others.

10.8.07.

To The Inspector The Comptroller

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Letter No. 645—54, dated the 26th July 1901, from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, to the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

I beg to forward herewith a copy of letter No. 24 of the 23rd July 1901, from the Deputy Commissioner of the Kolar district, recommending the payment of a reward of Rs. 125 to the villagers of Somasettihalli and Hoskote in the Goribidnur taluk, for having captured some dacoits in a jungle on the information given by one Angajala Narasimma, who first saw them there when he had been thither to hunt. The villagers very promptly repaired to the jungle, dexterously surrounded the dacoits and seized them notwithstanding they stoned them and showed fight. The manner in which they did all this has been detailed in the diary of the Police Assistant Superintendent of the Kolar district for the week ended the 16th February 1901, and it is herewith submitted for perusal. I support the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner and suggest that the amount (Rs. 125) be paid out of the sum of Rs. 300 provided in the current year's Police budget for the recognition of good service. The issue of a sannad to the villagers (collectively) has also been recommended, but as difficulty may arise as to whom it should be given, I have not pressed that point.

(ENCLOSURES.)

Letter No. 24, dated the 23rd July 1901, from the Deputy Commissioner of the Kolar district, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

I have the honor to forward herewith the diary of the Assistant Superintendent of Police for the week ending 16th February 1901, and to state that four marginally noted dacoities were committed in the Chikballapur and Goribidnur taluks of this district and they were followed up by a number of other dacoities in the Maddagiri and Koratagere taluks of the Tumkur district at short intervals commencing from 17th December 1900. A repetition of the series of dacoities that took place in the Shimoga district in the year 1896-97 was apprehended and the public peace and safety to life and property on the borders of the two districts were so much unsettled for a time that strong measures had to be contemplated to put down the recurrence of such offences. The Assistant Superintendent of Police had therefore to encourage the villagers about the locality where these dacoities occurred, by offering a liberal reward and due recognition of the services of those who could help the executive in tracing the gang of the dacoits that committed these raids. In pursuance of the instructions and encouragement given by the Assistant Superintendent, the surrounding villagers were on the alert and watching the movements of criminal gangs, and especially the villagers of Somasettihalli in the Goribidnur taluk had the credit of arresting the marginally noted dacoits in the manner explained in the enclosed diary of the Assistant Superintendent. I have proposed in the said diary a reward of Rs. 100 to the villagers of Somasettihalli for their good and meritorious service in arresting the dacoits, and the then Inspector General of Police, Mr. Rangasamaiengar, has not only favorably endorsed my suggestions but has also expressed his opinion in favor of granting a larger reward after the dacoits were prosecuted. Upon information obtained from the arrested dacoits, one Naga was arrested in Pénukonda, who however made good his escape while in custody of the British Police, and another by name Sunka *alias* Timma was arrested in the Bagepalli taluk. These dacoits as also the property seized from them have, moreover, been identified by several of the complainants in the dacoities of the Tumkur district. Of the four accused arrested, the first, *viz.*, Ganga *alias* Basiga died in the Jail at Goribidnur and the other three named in the margin were placed before the Sub-Division Magistrate at Chikballapur and committed to the Sessions, in the three cases of the Goribidnur taluk, the first case of Chikballaur still pending with the Police. These three cases came off before the Chief Court Sessions, which held its sittings from the 1st instant, and all the

Taluk.	Place of occurrence.	Date.
1. Chikballapur	Jakkalmadaga	17th December 1900.
2. Goribidnur	Machanahalli dinne	22nd December 1900.
3. Do.	Hoskote	Do
4. Do	Attimaradahalla near Kurudi village	26th January 1901.

1. Ganga *alias* Basiga.
2. Mannergutti Ganga.
3. Kavadi Yellaga.

Managutti Ganga.
Kavadi Yellaga.
Sunka *alias* Timma.

three accused were convicted and sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment in the 2nd of the above marginally noted cases, and the 1st two to four years' rigorous imprisonment in the 3rd case, and the 4th case was withdrawn by the Public Prosecutor under Section 240 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

I may mention here that after the arrest of these accused, the dacoities ceased, and now that their prosecution has ended in the conviction of all the accused, the time has come to reward the villagers in the way they were encouraged at the outset and for which they are long in expectation, so that it may serve as an incentive to others to readily help the executive on such occasions. I would therefore request that you will kindly obtain sanction for a reward of Rs. 100 to the villagers of Somasettihalli and also sanction a reward of Rs. 25 to the villagers of Hoskote for their ready response at the call for help by their neighbouring villagers, and also a sannad from Government in recognition of the valuable services rendered by the former. After the reward is sanctioned, I shall cause a fair distribution of the sanctioned amount to be made among the villagers after full enquiry as to the nature of services rendered by each, allowing to Angajala Narasimha and Kada a larger portion, to the former for the timely intimation he gave to the villagers of the presence of the dacoits in the jungle near the village and the dexterous mode in which he led the men to the place where he saw the accused in the jungle, and to the latter for his presence of mind in firing at the dacoits, one of whom was wounded by the shot.

Diary of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kolar district, for the week ending 16th February 1901.

Having received a telegram from the Amildar of Goribidnur that three of the gang dacoits were found near Somasettihalli, I came to Thondebhavi in the night.

February 15th, Thondebhavi.—In my diary for the week ending 29th December 1900, I had reported that patel Narsegauda, talari Narasimha and Angajala Mutha of Somasettihalli, Goribidnur taluk, were waylaid on the jungle-path between Machenahalli and Sonnagunahalli (about four miles distant from Somasettihalli above referred to), on the evening of the 22nd December 1900, by a gang of seven robbers, and robbed of their property noted in the margin all valued at Rs. 11-9-0.

Silver sarige.
Do string.
Gold muru.
Silver sarige,
Dhupati and cash Rs. 1-8-0.

The complainants gave a detailed description of the offenders during the investigation, and steps were taken to trace out the dacoits.

I visited Somasettihalli and the frontier on the 5th instant and instructed the chief men including some of the shikaris to watch the movements of the dacoits in these parts, and promised a substantial reward for any good services that may be rendered. A copy of the instructions is enclosed. Visited Bevanahalli, Taridal, Ooviganahalli, Somasettihalli and Naduvanahalli jungles and ascertained the following facts regarding the arrest of the three dacoits referred to in the Goribidnur Amildar's telegram. On the 13th instant (morning) one Angajala Narasimha of Somasettihalli went on a shikari to catch some rabbits and wild rats in the jungle between his village and Naduvanhalli known as Jularibande dinne. At about noon while he was examining a rabbit-hole in a dip, he observed in a jungle higher up some seven or eight Korchars lurking there armed with axes, hatchet, &c. As they appeared to him to be dacoits, he very quietly returned to his village by a secret path and gave intimation to talari Narasimha and the villagers. The former proceeded to Sonnaganahalli and Machenahalli to obtain help, while the villagers of Somasettihalli (30 in number) headed by the patel and one Chikdasegauda and armed with clubs, hatchets and a loaded gun started at once in the direction pointed out by Angajala Narasimha above referred to, saw the dacoits in a thick jungle and surrounded them on all sides. The villagers having encountered the dacoits were freely pelted with large stones and roughly handled by the latter at the outset. The villagers (chiefly Chikdasegauda) however proved themselves equal to the occasion, and one of them by name Kada fired at one of the dacoits (Ganga), who immediately fell down, receiving severe injury on the right shoulder where the bullet hit and grazed off. The villagers (Putta, Kama, Narsa and Siba) beat two other dacoits with clubs causing slight injuries, and secured them.

The 1st accused Ganga is rather weak and the other two* have some contusions, and they have been sent to the Medical Officer for treatment. The adjoining villagers not having arrived in time, the other dacoits, four or five, managed to escape. I may here state that one Nanja, ukkad watcher of Hoskote, also saw some suspicious characters moving about the jungle at some distance from the ukkad on the morning of the 13th instant, immediately went and informed the patel, who with the villagers came at once to the jungle and searched for the dacoits in vain.

*Ganga *alias* Malla and Ellaga.

The marginally noted articles were found in the possession of the three dacoits above referred to. Patel Narsegauda, complainant in the Machenahalli dacoity case above referred to, recognizes all the three accused as having been his assailants in the dacoity case of the 22nd December 1900, and also identifies the silver sarige found on the person of the 1st accused, as his property. Talari Narasimha and Angajala Mutta (the other complainants in the dacoity case) corroborate the statement of Narsegauda and the talari (Narasimha) identifies the dhupati (with blood stains) as his property. There is other evidence to prove that the sarige and the dhupati above referred to, belong to the complainants. The accused, who belong to the gang of Korchars, gave different names during the enquiry and offered no explanation whatever as to their presence in the jungle on the 13th instant, where there is no recognized foot-path. It is stated that the other members of this gang are now put up in huts near Kodikonda. I have sent a party to make secret enquiries at that place with the co-operation of the British Police. Steps are being taken to trace out the runaway dacoits and also to have the accused now in custody, shown to the complainants in the other dacoity cases. The villagers of Somasettihalli on receipt of the intimation at once mustered themselves, very cautiously marched to the jungle, ably resisted the dacoits and pluckily caught them with the stolen property and marched them off to the village chavadi, when the ukkad constable of Koratagere sub-taluk and another man are reported to have joined the villagers within a few yards from the village, after the whole affair was over. So the credit of successfully capturing these dacoits is entirely due to the villagers of Somasettihalli and to the informant Angajala Narasimha and not to any members of the regular Police. In my humble opinion, our main strength and prospective success in such matters depend upon the just appreciation and acknowledgment of the services done by the villagers, and without their co-operation and timely help nothing could be successfully attempted. From the D. O. letter of Mr. L. Krishna Rao, Assistant Superintendent of Tumkur, it appears that some ukkad constable of the Koratagere sub-taluk and dafadars seem to claim credit for having arrested these dacoits, but the Goribidnur Amildar's report states that the success is mainly due to the villagers of Somasettihalli.

Silver bangle	...	1
Do sariges	...	2
A pair of ear-rings with pearls		
Do gold murus.		
Silver ring	...	1
Dhupati	...	1
Turban	...	1
Panche with silk borders	...	1
Do red thread borders	...	1
Do small borders	...	1
A bag	...	1
A dhupati with blood stains	...	1
Brass pot	...	1
And other sundry articles.		

From personal enquiries made on the spot, I agree with the Amildar and beg that a substantial reward may be sanctioned for the villagers of Somasettihalli as an example and incentive to other villagers.

February 16th, Thondebhavi.—The Amildar-Magistrate of Dodballapur has granted ten days' remand for detaining the three accused* in the Police custody.

*In the dacoity case.

As desired by Mr. L. Krishna Rao, I am going to Byahapur to take his opinion about the dacoity cases.

No. 3383-84—J. 259, DATED BANGALORE, 24TH AUGUST 1901.

ORDER THEREON—The grant of the reward proposed is sanctioned, the charge being debited to the head "Reward for good service" in the current year's Police budget.

2. The Deputy Commissioner will have all the villagers before him and distribute the reward in as public a manner as is necessary to impress the event favorably on them and on others.

H. V. NANJUNDAYYA,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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No. 3383-84
J. 259

Sanctioning the payment of a reward of Rs. 125 to some of the villagers of Somasettihalli and Hoskote in the Goribidnur taluk, in recognition of the good services rendered by them in capturing the accused persons concerned in the series of dacoities committed in the Chikballapur and Goribidnur taluks.

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